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# CIA chief stresses strict agent control

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CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner said Thursday in Anaheim that covert CIA operations abroad should be "strictly controlled," adding that he is drafting a code of ethics for agents.

A national policy governing covert foreign missions should be developed to supplement the code of ethics, Turner told an Orange County Town Hall Forum luncheon.

He said covert operations are the prime intelligence mission of the CIA in 150 countries.

During a question-and-answer session following the luncheon, Turner conceded to newsmen that CIA operations in foreign lands had brought the agency into disrepute because of excesses, but said he has brought such illegal operations to a halt.

He said the CIA's first priority is Soviet military intelligence. Other operations, he said, focus on both economic and political developments in nations around the globe.

Since President Carter named Turner to the CIA post on March 8, 1977, he has removed 820 employees from the agency — mostly supervisory personnel.

The objectives of the reductions were to peel off the layers of supervision and restore the morale of agents, who had been "hampered by so much supervision." He wanted "to keep bright new agents on the job. We need them."

When newsmen questioned Turner about former agents who have

with charges of abuses within the CIA, the director had few kind words for them.

Former agents Phil Agee and John Stockwell have "seriously damaged our country's security" by their charges, he maintained.



Adm. Stansfield Turner, CIA director